

REMARKS

Applicants hereby submit this Amendment and Response in light of the comments provided by the Examiner in the Final Office Action dated October 21, 2005.

In the Office Action, the Examiner explained that the affidavit initially filed by Applicants on July 25, 2005, would be effective if certain informalities in the affidavit were corrected. In response, Applicants hereby submit the enclosed revised Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 to correct these informalities. The Declaration has been signed by each of the three inventors and sets forth that the presently claimed invention was first conceived and reduced to practice in the United States prior to October 10, 2002, the actual filing date of the Gilmore Application cited in the Office Action.

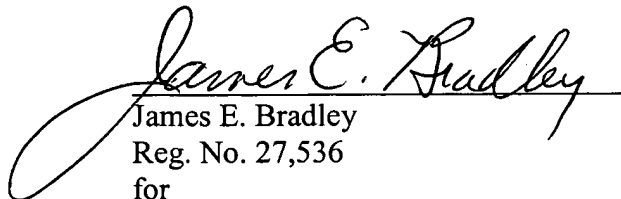
In view of the information provided in the enclosed Declaration, Applicants respectfully submit that the newly added information in the Gilmore Application (as discussed in ¶2 of the Declaration) is not available as prior art for the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and the documents included herewith, Applicants submit that claims 1-19 of the present application are in condition for allowance. As such, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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